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Honorable Bill Frenzel House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Frenzel:

This is in response to your letter of June 2, 1981, regarding the Reilly Tar and Chemical Corporation's site in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. I share your concern that the problems created by this site be dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

Reilly Tar was one of the sites selected by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for early planning and remedial design under a 1980 supplemental appropriation by Congress. EPA will provide \$400,000 to the State for studies to complete field investigation and engineering design for three high priority remedial actions. These include a well abandonment program, on-site well remedial actions, and a drinking water treatment project. The State of Minnesota and our Region V Office developed a final assistance application to transfer funds from EPA to the State for this work. We approved the assistance application July 21, 1981. All parties are moving ahead rapidly and work by the State of Minnesota's contractor should commence soon.

If I may be of further assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Anne M. Gorsuch

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